When Jesus Is Inconvenient
Luke 8:40-56

- Jesus doesn't _____, so we
  _____.

- Jesus doesn't _____
  _____, so we _____ of our

  Sovereign king.

- Jesus _____ those who come to Him _____
  _____, so we come to Him _____
  _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. In this section of Luke that we've called *The Perplexing Kingdom,* we see that Jesus doesn't act according to our schedules or expectations. Can you think of situations where your circumstances seemed inconsistent with a good, sovereign Savior? Discuss with your group.

2. Take some time and re-read Luke 8:40-56. In this passage Jesus heals a woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years and raises a twelve-year-old girl from the dead. In both instances, Jesus graciously answers a request from people who had nowhere else to turn. In what areas of your life are you as desperate and helpless and this woman and Jairus? Are you praying for Jesus to come through for you in a way that exceeds your ability to provide? Will you share this with your group?

3. From the passage, one of the ways we can feel inconvenienced by Jesus is that he doesn't fit our scheduling demands. Waiting can be an incredibly difficult task for us. How do you tend to respond when you have to wait for God to act? What do you think this reveals about you? How can you better learn to trust His timing?

4. Next, we learned that Jesus does not overlook the outcast to focus on someone like Jairus, a prominent social figure. Without thinking about it, we tend to rank people in order of importance and help those at the top first. Who has God placed in your life that perhaps you have been overlooking because other "more important people" have been getting your attention?

5. Lastly, we learned from our passage that Jesus rewards those who come to Him through faith and believe that He is able. Over the last two chapters in Luke, Jesus has powerfully demonstrated His authority over the wind and water, the demonic, disease, and even death – and all obeyed. What areas of your life do you struggle to believe that God is either able or willing to help?

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